

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheet of drawings include changes to Fig. 22. This sheet , which includes Figs. 21-22, replaces the original sheet including Figs. 21-22. In Figure 22, a dotted oval around a loop button 282 has been deleted.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet

Annotated Sheet Showing Changes

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in light of the amendments and remarks herein.

Upon entry of this amendment, claims 16-27 and 29-34 will be pending. By this amendment, claim 28 has been canceled; and claims 16, 18-20, 22, 24-27, and 29-34 have been amended. No new matter has been added.

Objection to the Drawings

In Section 6 of the Office Action, the Examiner has objected to Figure 8 with respect to reference number "282" (also referenced in Figure 22). Figure 22 has been amended to obviate this objection.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this objection be withdrawn.

§112 Rejection of Claims 20 and 29-33

In Section 8 of the Office Action, claims 20 and 29-33 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph for failing to comply with the enablement requirement.

Claims 20 and 29-33 have been amended to address the rejection.

Accordingly, it is submitted that the rejection of claims 20 and 29-33 based upon 35 U.S.C. §112 has been obviated and withdrawal thereof is respectfully requested.

§112 Rejection of Claims 20 and 29-33

In Section 9 of the Office Action, claims 20 and 29-33 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph for being indefinite.

Claims 20 and 29-33 have been amended to address the rejection.

Accordingly, it is submitted that the rejection of claims 20 and 29-33 based upon 35 U.S.C. §112 has been obviated and withdrawal thereof is respectfully requested.

§ 103 Rejection of Claims 16-34

In Section 13 of the Office Action, claims 16-34 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Miller *et al.* (U.S. Patent No.5,801,685; hereinafter referred to as “Miller”) in view of Abe (U.S. Patent No.6,714,216).

Embodiments of the present invention provide improved image editing. For example, the structure of apparatus claim 16, as presented herein, includes:

“selection means for selecting a material clip from a plurality of material clips for automatic editing process;

scenario data memory means for storing scenario data configured into a plurality of scenes having timing information including start time of each scene of said plurality of scenes;

corresponding means for corresponding data in said selected material clip as editing objects to said each scene of said plurality of scenes;

editing means for editing said material clip with special effects so that said plurality of scenes includes transitions between scenes with special effects scenes;

first display means for displaying said material clip; and

second display means for displaying said plurality of scenes including said transitions.”

(emphasis added)

In summary, the information processing apparatus of claim 16 includes a corresponding means for corresponding data in a selected material clip as editing object to each scene of a plurality of scenes, an editing means for editing the material clip with special effects so that the

plurality of scenes includes transitions between scenes with special effects scenes, and display means for displaying the material clip and the plurality of scenes including the transitions.

By contrast, Miller and Abe, in combination or individually, fail to teach or suggest an apparatus including a corresponding means for corresponding data in a selected material clip as editing object to each scene of a plurality of scenes, an editing means for editing the material clip with special effects so that the plurality of scenes includes transitions between scenes with special effects scenes, and display means for displaying the material clip and the plurality of scenes including the transitions.

Based on the foregoing discussion regarding, it is submitted that claim 16 should be allowable over the combination of Miller and Abe. Since claims 29 and 32 closely parallel, and include substantially similar limitations as, claim 16, claims 29 and 32 should also be allowable over the combination of Miller and Abe. Further, since claims 17-27, 30-31, and 33-34 depend from claims 16, 29, and 32, respectively, claims 17-27, 30-31, and 33-34 should also be allowable over the combination of Miller and Abe. Claim 28 has been canceled.

Accordingly, it is submitted that the rejection of claims 16-34 based upon 35 U.S.C. §103(a) has been overcome by the present remarks and withdrawal thereof is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, entry of this amendment, and the allowance of this application with claims 16-27 and 29-34 are respectfully solicited.

In regard to the claims amended herein and throughout the prosecution of this application, it is submitted that these claims, as originally presented, are patentably distinct over

the prior art of record, and that these claims were in full compliance with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112. Changes that have been made to these claims were not made for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§101, 102, 103 or 112. Rather, these changes were made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which Applicant is entitled.

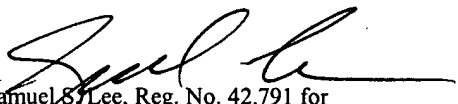
In the event that additional cooperation in this case may be helpful to complete its prosecution, the Examiner is cordially invited to contact Applicant's representative at the telephone number written below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any insufficient fees or credit any overpayment associated with the above-identified application to Deposit Account 50-0320.

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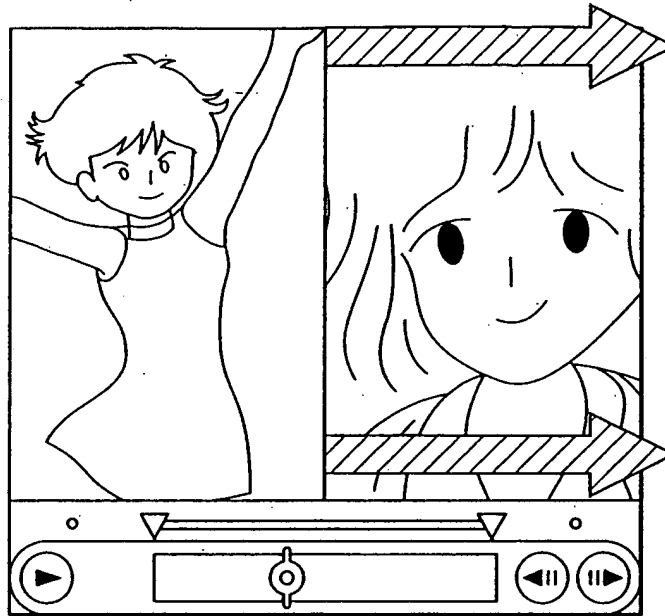


FIG. 21

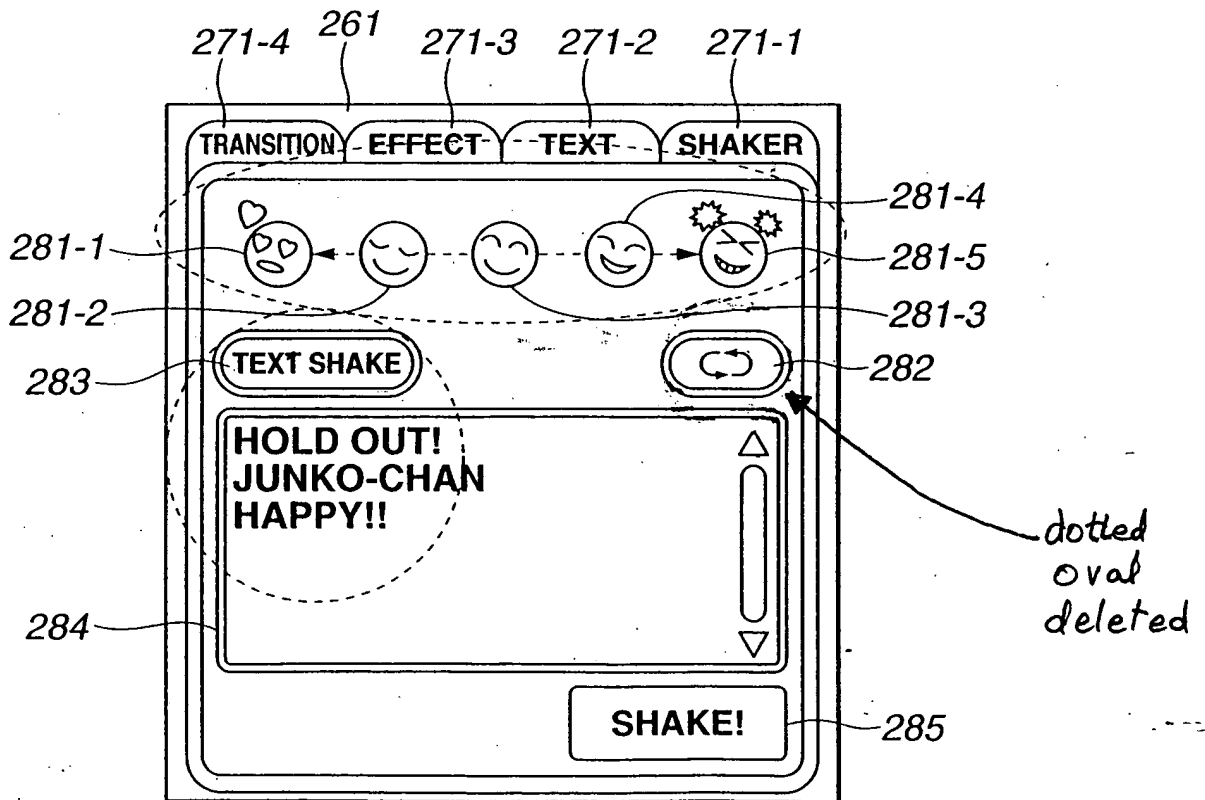


FIG. 22